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The Vitality of the Indian.

It is one of the boasts of British rule in Canada and the northwest that the aborigines have been generally well treated and allowed to develop according to their own notions and opportunities. The consequence has been a remarkable preservation of the old historical tribes throughout the Dominion. The Micmacs are still strong in Nova Scotia; the Anasaks hold their own in New Brunswick; there are deep traces of the gentle and faithful Hurons in Ontario; Ontario has thousands of Iroquois and Algonquins within her borders, while Kwakiut in Manitoba, the Saskatchewan Valley, the Rocky Mountain region and Columbia are the homes of tribes quite too numerous to mention. All this is gratifying enough, but what is really remarkable is the vitality of the Indian tribes under the adverse circumstances in which they have always been placed by the American policy.

Notwithstanding all the injuries and cruelty they have endured from this cause, we are assured by a writer that they have not appreciably diminished in numbers during the past hundred years. It seems to be a fallacy that the American aborigines ever exceeded the figures of three hundred thousand, and that is still about their number within the limits of the United States. Most of the Indian continent at Fort William Henry, in 1757, was only 2,000 to 11,000 whites. The Iroquois of the Lake Champlain region, their old headquarters, numbered 11,500 souls in 1763, and they now count 13,600, 5,216 of the Six Nations, living at Forestville, New York, alone. The Seminoles are said to be more numerous to day than when they withstood, for five years, the whole military force of the United States.

The noble Choctawes and Chickasaws, perhaps, more populous than their Arkansas reserves than they were fifty years ago in Georgia and Alabama. The respectable Sioux are said by Captain Mallory to have quadrupled in one hundred and forty years, and doubled in twenty years. Notwithstanding the terrible tribulation visited on the Mojaves, fully one half of them survive, while the California tribes still muster three fourths of their original strength, in spite of the ferocious leveling of the "Fury of civilization." We are informed that fragments of tribes which have for generations been locally isolated in Massachusetts, on Long Island, on the Pamunkey in Virginia, and other southern States, retain as sound a vitality, both physical and moral, as similar bodies of whites would in analogous circumstances. "Indians enough are employed on the boats of the Mississippi, Missouri and St. Lawrence, to equal the prophet's force at Tippecanoe."

Attacked by Grizzlies.

Several weeks ago, in the neighborhood of Hettenshaw, Cal., a remarkable bear hunt occurred. It appears that Dr. Stanley, while on a visit to Hettenshaw, expressed an earnest desire to go bear hunting, and accordingly one morning he started, in company with Greene, French, George Burgess and Jo Lightfoot. Arriving at a thick, the dogs gave notice of their near approach to a bear, and the party decided to station themselves at certain points and let the dogs do the driving the bear out. This was done; but the bear, becoming impatient, entered the thicket himself. The heavy undergrowth made his progress slow, but he fought his way about until he came to a fallen tree lying in a hole gully. Helping himself along by the limbs he arrived at the upper edge of the thicket to be confronted by a huge grizzly bear.

Retreat was impossible, as it had been with the utmost difficulty that the doctor had advanced so far; there was no tree in convenient distance, and as the grizzly showed fight, there was nothing left him but to do his best. The bear deliberated a moment with Henry Hill, the doctor fired and the bear fell mortally wounded. Another load was sprung from the magazine into the rifle, and the doctor, looking toward his prey, was surprised to see a second bear in the same spot. This he shot also, and quickly reloading was yet more surprised to see a third bear in the same place where he had shot the other two. Again the lever moved and a fresh charge went into position, and again the doctor looked up and discovered a fourth grizzly coming toward him from the same opening in the brush. What! what the gun again, and down went bear No. 4.

By this time the doctor had got warmed up and excited, and kept moving the lever and firing into the bodies of the bears until the sixteen shots in the magazine were exhausted—Meaning his companions, hearing the shooting, and presuming the cause, made their way to where the doctor was, with the intention of assisting him, but found him on top of the largest bear, with the others strewn about, swinging his hat and shouting lustily. One was an immense grizzly, so large that the hunters could not handle him, and the other three were good sized grizzlies, probably about two years old. The shooting of four bears by one man, without even changing his position, is something hitherto unheard of, even in the most highly colored accounts of the Western wilds.

FIFTEEN YEARS A QUARTER.—Fifteen years ago Hugh Nolan, a laborer, squatted upon the vacant lot 46 Dikeman street, Brooklyn, and took possession of a tumble-down house. Here he has reared a family. Improvements have been made within the past few years that have increased the value of the property in that portion of South Brooklyn, and the owner, to cut Nolan from the premises. They were unsuccessful until Saturday, when an officer of Justice Ferry's court arrested Nolan and locked him up, to answer the charge of "squatting."

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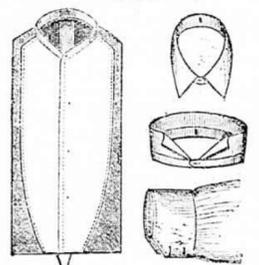
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